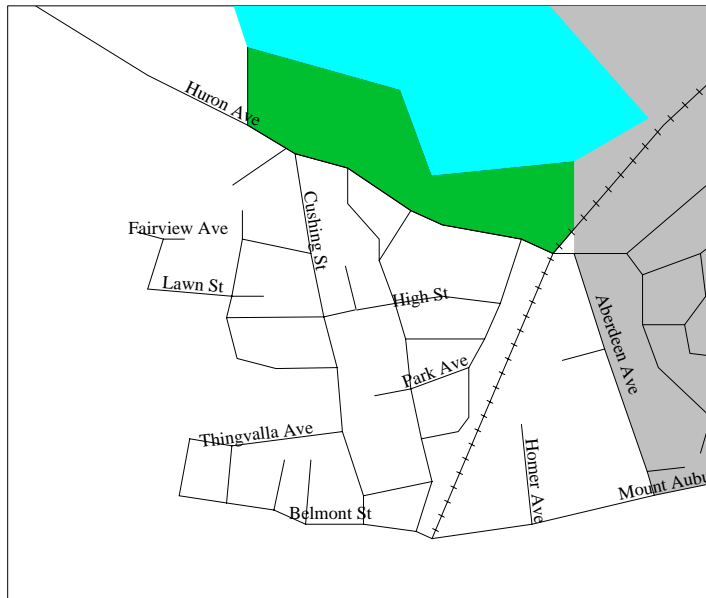
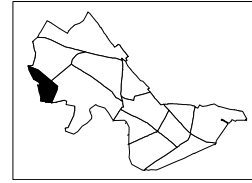


NEIGHBORHOOD 13

STRAWBERRY HILL



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, the Watertown line, and the Belmont line.

POPULATION: 2,335 residents
1,061 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$26,368

Neighborhood #13 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 13A and 13B.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	7	5	5	16	15
Street Robbery	1	2	0	4	3
Auto Theft	6	5	15	13	5
Larceny from MVs	15	12	12	17	10
Malicious Destruction	22	31	32	23	23
Drug Arrests	0	2	0	3	2

2003 YEAR END REVIEW

- The perennially quiet neighborhood of Strawberry Hill experienced predictably low crime rates this year. After recording abnormally high rates of **auto theft** in 2001-2002, only five were reported in 2003. The 0-10 block of St. Sauveur Ct. was the only location of multiple incidents.
- **Street robberies** remained rare in the neighborhood, with only three reported. Belmont St. was the only area with multiple incidents, although they were not related.
- **Malicious destruction of property**, which frequently occurs in random, one-night sprees, saw no patterns emerge this year in Strawberry Hill; although the 600-700 block of Huron Ave. saw six such incidents.
- There were fifteen **housebreaks** in Strawberry Hill in 2003, slightly more than average. A two-day period in mid-December saw a small spree of three professional housebreaks on Homer Ave. in which laptops and cash were taken. The 49-76 block of Lawn St. by Oxford Ave., where three housebreaks were reported, was the only area with more than two incidents.
- Two **drug arrests** occurred in the neighborhood; one involved a group of cocaine dealers concealing the drug in Magic Markers, and the other involved a man hiding bags of marijuana in his bedroom.
- Six of the ten **larcenies from motor vehicles** occurred during a one-night spree in early June. The suspect in those larcenies ransacked the vehicles, taking only small amounts of change in most instances but in one case removed \$2000 in power tools. Most of the vehicles targeted in that spree were unlocked.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR STRAWBERRY HILL AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1991-2002	Rank '91-'02*	Rank 2003*
Housebreaks	17	12	10	11	11
Street Robbery	4	13	4	12	11
Auto Theft	17	13	10	13	12
Larceny from MVs	22	13	13	13	13
Malicious Destruction	25	13	24	13	11

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With its small population, Strawberry Hill challenges Cambridge Highlands for the lowest crime rates in the city. The neighborhood's citizenry includes the residents of the Corcoran Park housing development and the large apartment building at 700 Huron Avenue. Its primary commercial establishment is Star Market.

- Overall, Strawberry Hill can be considered one of the safest areas in the city. In 1995, 1996, and 2001, there were no **street robberies** reported, and there were only two in 2000, and one in 1999. For **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction**, Strawberry Hill continually ranks lowest in the city.
- Corcoran Park has historically been a "hot spot" for the occasional **housebreak**, and for some juvenile and gang crime. Frequent "Park and Walks" address these problems.
- Cars parked at the Star Market parking lot are sometimes targeted for **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction**. Yet, totals for this crime are usually extremely low, as it was in 2001 with a total of five incidents occurring at the Star Market. Several years ago, we received a number of reports of pocketpicking from this area, but this pattern has not resurfaced.

